

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

A component capable of receiving and/or supporting a utility-related structure for intended use as part of a siding system and a related method are disclosed. In one embodiment, the component includes a body for positioning adjacent to an external wall of a building or dwelling covered by at least one siding strip. The body includes an opening for receiving a first portion of the utility related-structure. The opening has a predetermined size and shape, and is surrounded by a surface for engaging a second portion of the utility-related structure. Fastener-receiving apertures may be provided in the body as necessary for receiving fasteners that assist in either securing the component to the wall or for securing the second portion of the utility-related structure to the component. The component may also form an interlock with the adjacent siding strip.